

ing no child in the same manner as they apply to a veteran having neither spouse nor child."

(b) EXTENSION.—Such section is further amended by striking out "September 30, 1992" in paragraph (7) (as redesignated by subsection (a)(1)) and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1997".

(c) FACILITY EXPENSES.—Section 5503(a)(1)(B) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Effective through September 30, 1997, any amount in excess of \$90 per month to which the veteran would be entitled but for the application of the preceding sentence shall be deposited in a revolving fund at the Department medical facility which furnished the veteran nursing care, and such amount shall be available for obligation without fiscal year limitation to help defray operating expenses of that facility."

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1992, and shall apply with respect to months after September 1992. The amendment made by subsection (c) shall take effect on November 1, 1992, and shall apply with respect to months after October 1992.

**SEC. 602. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT INCOME VERIFICATION.**

(a) TITLE 38.—Section 5317(g) is amended by striking out "September 30, 1992" and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1997".

(b) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—(1) Subparagraph (D) of section 6103(l)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking out "September 30, 1992" in the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1997".

(2) Clause (viii) of such subparagraph is amended—

(A) in subclause (II), by striking out "section 415" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 1315"; and

(B) in subclause (III), by striking out "section 610(a)(1)(I), 610(a)(2), 610(b), and 612(a)(2)(B)" and inserting in lieu thereof "sections 1710(a)(1)(I), 1710(a)(2), 1710(b), and 1712(a)(2)(B)".

**SEC. 603. ACCESS TO INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN VETERAN BENEFITS LAWS.**

(a) ACCESS.—Section 1113 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3413) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

(p)(1) Nothing in this title shall apply to the disclosure by the financial institution of the name and address of any customer to the Department of Veterans Affairs where the disclosure of such information is necessary to, and such information is used solely for the purposes of, the proper administration of benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary.

"(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any request authorized by paragraph (1) (and the information contained therein) may be used by the financial institution or its agents solely for the purpose of providing the customer's name and address to the Department of Veterans Affairs and shall be barred from redisclosure by the financial institution or its agents."

(b) PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS.—(1) Chapter 53 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**"§5319. Limitations on access to financial records**

"(a) The Secretary may make a request referred to in section 1113(p) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3413(p)) only if the Secretary determines that the requested information—

"(1) is necessary in order for the Secretary to administer the provisions of law referred to in that section; and

"(2) cannot be secured by a reasonable search of records and information of the Department.

"(b) The Secretary shall include a certification of the determinations referred to in subsection (a) in each request presented to a financial institution.

"(c) Information disclosed pursuant to a request referred to in subsection (a) may be used solely for the purpose of the administration of benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary if, except for the exemption in subsection (a), the disclosure of that information would otherwise be prohibited by any provision of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978."

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"5319. Limitations on access to financial records."

**SEC. 604. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING COST-RECOVERY AUTHORITY.**

Section 1729(a)(2)(E) is amended by striking out "October 1, 1993" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 1, 1994".

**SEC. 605. EXCLUSION FOR LOW-INCOME VETERANS FROM MEDICATION COPAYMENT REQUIREMENT.**

(a) EXCLUSION.—Section 1722A(a) is amended—

(1) by striking out "(other than" and all that follows through "or more"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

"(A) to a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more; or

"(B) to a veteran whose annual income (as determined under section 1503 of this title) does not exceed the maximum annual rate of pension which would be payable to such veteran if such veteran were eligible for pension under section 1521 of this title."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to medication furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 606. EXTENSION OF COPAYMENT PROGRAMS.**

(a) MEDICATION COPAYMENT REQUIREMENT.—Section 1722A(c) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the provisions of subsection (a) shall be in effect through September 30, 1997."

(b) HEALTH-CARE CATEGORIES AND COPAYMENTS.—Section 8013(e) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the amendments made by this section shall be in effect through September 30, 1997."

In lieu of the matter in the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, insert: "Page 12, strike out line 19 and all that follows over to and including line 5 on page 13."

In lieu of the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill, amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the formula for payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to survivors of veterans dying from service-connected causes, to increase the rate of payments for benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill and make other improvements in veterans education programs, and to make other improvements in veterans life insurance, job training, and vocational rehabilitation programs, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendments were agreed to with amendments was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

**119.23 HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM**

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 5400) to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a program of comprehensive services for homeless veterans; together with the following amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

**SECTION 1. FINANCING OF PROPERTIES TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS.**

(a) FINANCING.—Section 3735 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection (b):

"(b)(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary may make loans to organizations described in paragraph (1)(A) of subsection (a) to finance the purchase of property by such organizations under such subsection.

"(2)(A) In making a loan under this subsection, the Secretary—

"(i) may modify or waive one or more of the credit underwriting standards that would otherwise apply to the loan under section 3710(g)(2)(A) of this title;

"(ii) shall, in underwriting the loan, take into account the amount of equity in the property that a purchasing organization will have as a result of the purchase;

"(iii) may provide that the loan will bear interest at a rate below the rate that prevails for similar loans in the market in which the loan is made;

"(iv) may not collect a loan fee for the loan under section 3729 of this title; and

"(v) shall include such other terms and conditions with respect to the loan as the Secretary determines are necessary to facilitate the making of loans under this subsection and to protect the interests of homeless veterans and the Federal Government.

"(B) The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the terms and conditions that the Secretary applies to loans under subparagraph (A)(v) are similar to the terms and conditions that the Secretary applies to loans made under section 3733 of this title.

"(3) The Secretary, in order to protect the interests of the Federal Government, may limit the number of loans or the amount any loan that the Secretary makes to an organization under this subsection."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3729(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out "section," and inserting in lieu thereof "section or section 3735(b)(2)(A)(iv) of this title."

**SEC. 2. PROGRAM OF LEASING OF REPOSSESSED PROPERTIES FOR USE BY HOMELESS VETERANS.**

(a) PROGRAM.—Subchapter III of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**"§3736. Availability of properties for homeless veterans**

"(a) The Secretary shall carry out a program to make the properties referred to in subsection (b) available to approved entities under subsection (c) for the purpose of permitting such entities to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans and their families.

"(b) The Secretary shall make available for use as transitional housing for homeless veterans and their families during each fiscal year a number of properties that is not less than 10 percent of the total number of eligible properties that are in the possession of the Secretary at the commencement of

that fiscal year as a result of a default on a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under this chapter.

"(c)(1) The Secretary shall lease properties under this section to eligible entities—

"(A) that submit to the Secretary (under regulations prescribed by the Secretary) applications for the lease of such properties; and

"(B) whose applications are approved by the Secretary in accordance with such regulations.

"(2) For the purposes of this subsection, an eligible entity is any of the following entities that provide housing for homeless veterans and their families:

"(A) Non-profit organizations, with preference given to organizations named in or approved by the Secretary under section 5902(a)(1) of this title.

"(B) State or local governments.

"(d)(1) The Secretary shall make available properties to entities approved under subsection (c)(1) as follows:

"(A) By lease.

"(B) By lease, with an option to purchase under section 3735 of this title.

"(2) The term of any lease under this subsection may not exceed three years.

"(3) The Secretary shall collect from each approved entity that leases a property from the Secretary under this section a nominal rental charge for the property.

"(e)(1) An approved entity that leases a property from the Secretary under this section shall use that property solely to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans and their families.

"(2) An approved entity that leases a property from the Secretary under this section shall collect rent from veteran occupants of the property. The amount of rent that an approved entity may collect with respect to a property may not exceed the lesser of—

"(A) an amount equal to the costs of operating and maintaining the property, including the cost of any liability insurance premiums for the property; or

"(B) an amount equal to 30 percent of the occupants' income.

"(3) An approved entity that leases a property from the Secretary under this section shall be responsible for the payment of any taxes, utilities, liability insurance, and other maintenance charges or similar charges that apply to the property.

"(f) An approved entity that leases a property from the Secretary under this section shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

"(1) utilize the services of homeless veterans in maintaining, operating, and renovating the property; and

"(2) provide to the homeless veterans who occupy the property—

"(i) appropriate information about the services and assistance available to the veterans and the homeless in the area of the property; and

"(ii) appropriate referrals to the entities that provide such services and assistance.

"(g) In this section, the term 'eligible property' means a property that—

"(1) is acquired by the Secretary as a result of a default on a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under this chapter;

"(2) is vacant;

"(3) has been listed for sale by the Secretary for not less than 60 days (or for such shorter period as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section); and

"(4) is not subject to a sale contract.

"(h) The Secretary may not make any properties available for acquisition under this section after September 30, 1997."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to section 3735 the following new item:

"3736. Availability of properties for homeless veterans."

**SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR EXTENDED LEASE TERMS.**

(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding section 8122(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, and subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may lease to a representative of the homeless for a term in excess of three years any real property for which an application of the representative for the use of the property has been approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 501(e) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(e)). Any such lease shall be subject to the provisions of section 501(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(f)).

(b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not lease real property under subsection (a) for a term in excess of three years to a representative of the homeless unless the representative agrees to use the property as a location for the provision of services to homeless veterans and the families of such veterans.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "representative of the homeless" has the meaning given such term in section 501(g)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(g)(4)).

**SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS' RE-INTEGRATION PROJECTS.**

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 738 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11448) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section the following amounts:

"(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1993.

"(B) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1994.

"(C) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 1995.

"(2) Funds obligated for any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 739 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11449) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by inserting "(1)" before "There are";

(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

(iii) by amending subparagraph (C), as so redesignated, to read as follows:

"(C) \$14,800,000 for fiscal year 1993, to carry out programs under this subtitle other than the programs described in section 738(a)."; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) Amounts appropriated in fiscal year 1993 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations described in paragraph (1)(C) shall be in addition to amounts appropriated in that fiscal year pursuant to the authorization of appropriations described subsection (e) of section 738 for the purposes carrying out the programs described in subsection (a) of such section 738.";

(B) in subsection (b), by striking out "other than section 738 and for the program under section 738".

(2) Section 741 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11451) is amended by inserting "738 and" before "740".

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program to provide certain housing assistance to homeless veterans, to improve certain other programs that provide such assistance, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, said Senate amendment to the text was

agreed to with the following amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992".

**SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations provided for under section 12, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish and operate, through September 30, 1995, a pilot program under this Act to expand and improve the provision of benefits and services by the Department of Veterans Affairs to homeless veterans.

(b) COMPREHENSIVE CENTERS.—The pilot program shall include the establishment of no more than four demonstration programs (in addition to any existing programs providing similar services) at sites under the jurisdiction of the Secretary to be centers for the provision of comprehensive services to homeless veterans. The services to be provided at each site shall include a comprehensive and coordinated array of those specialized services which may be provided under existing law.

(c) PLACEMENT OF VBA EMPLOYEES.—The pilot program shall also include the services of such employees of the Veterans Benefits Administration as the Secretary determines appropriate at—

(1) no more than 45 sites at which the Secretary provides services to homeless chronically mentally ill veterans pursuant to section 115 of Public Law 100-322 (38 U.S.C. 1712 note);

(2) no more than 26 sites at which the Secretary furnishes domiciliary care to homeless veterans pursuant to section 801(b) of Public Law 100-628 (102 Stat. 3257);

(3) no more than 12 centers which provide readjustment counseling services under section 1712A of title 38, United States Code; and

(4) each of the demonstration sites established under subsection (b).

**SEC. 3. GRANTS.**

(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—Subject to the availability of appropriations provided for under section 12, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, during fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995, shall make grants to assist eligible entities in establishing new programs to furnish outreach, rehabilitative services, vocational counseling and training, and transitional housing assistance to homeless veterans.

(b) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall establish criteria and requirements for the award of a grant under this section, including criteria for entities eligible to receive such grants. The Secretary shall publish such criteria and requirements in the Federal Register not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. In developing such criteria and requirements, the Secretary shall consult with organizations with experience in the area of providing service to homeless veterans and to the maximum extent possible shall take into account the findings of the assessment of the Secretary under section 107 of the Veterans' Medical Programs Amendments of 1992. The criteria established under this section shall include the following:

(1) Specification as to the kinds of projects for which such grant support is available, which shall include (A) expansion, remodeling, or alteration of existing buildings, or acquisition of facilities, for use as service centers, transitional housing, or other facilities to serve homeless veterans, and (B) procure-

ment of vans for use in outreach to, and transportation for, homeless veterans to carry out the purposes set forth in subsection (a).

(2) Specification as to the number of projects for which grant support is available, which shall include provision for no more than 25 service centers and no more than 20 programs which incorporate the procurement of vans as described in paragraph (1).

(3) Appropriate criteria for the staffing for the provision of the services for which a grant under this section is furnished.

(4) Provisions to ensure that the award of grants under this section (A) shall not result in duplication of ongoing services, and (B) to the maximum extent practicable, shall reflect appropriate geographic dispersion and an appropriate balance between urban and nonurban locations.

(5) Provisions to ensure that an entity receiving a grant shall meet fire and safety requirements established by the Secretary, which shall include such State and community requirements that may apply, but fire and safety requirements applicable to buildings of the Federal Government shall not apply to real property to be used by a grantee in carrying out the grant.

(6) Specifications as to the means by which an entity receiving a grant may contribute in-kind services to the start-up costs of any project for which support is sought and the methodology for assigning a cost to that contribution for purposes of subsection (c).

(c) **FUNDING LIMITATIONS.**—A grant under this section may not be used to support operational costs. The amount of a grant under this section may not exceed 65 percent of the estimated cost of the expansion, remodeling, alteration, acquisition, or procurement provided for under this section.

(d) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—The Secretary may not make a grant under this section unless the applicant for the grant—

(1) is a public or nonprofit private entity with the capacity (as determined by the Secretary) to effectively administer a grant under this section;

(2) has demonstrated that adequate financial support will be available to carry out the project for which the grant has been sought consistent with the plans, specifications, and schedule submitted by the applicant; and

(3) has agreed to meet the applicable criteria and requirements established under subsection (b) (and the Secretary has determined that the applicant has demonstrated the capacity to meet those criteria and requirements).

(e) **APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.**—An entity described in subsection (d) desiring to receive assistance under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application. The application shall set forth—

(1) the amount of the grant requested with respect to a project;

(2) a description of the site for such project;

(3) plans, specifications, and the schedule for implementation of such project in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Secretary under subsection (b); and

(4) reasonable assurance that upon completion of the work for which assistance is sought, the program will become operational and the facilities will be used principally to provide to veterans the services for which the project was designed, and that not more than 25 percent of the services provided will serve clients who are not receiving such services as veterans.

(f) **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary may not make a grant to an applicant under this section unless the applicant, in the application for the grant, agrees to each of the following requirements:

(1) To provide the services for which the grant is furnished at locations accessible to homeless veterans.

(2) To maintain referral networks for, and aid homeless veterans in, establishing eligibility for assistance, and obtaining services, under available entitlement and assistance programs.

(3) To ensure the confidentiality of records maintained on homeless veterans receiving services under the grant.

(4) To establish such procedures for fiscal control and fund accounting as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement and accounting with respect to the grant and to such payments as may be made under section 4.

(5) To seek to employ homeless veterans and formerly homeless veterans in positions created for purposes of the grant for which those veterans are qualified.

(g) **SERVICE CENTER REQUIREMENTS.**—In addition to criteria established under subsection (b), the Secretary shall, in the case of an application for a grant for a service center for homeless veterans, require that—

(1) such center shall provide services to homeless veterans during such hours as the Secretary may specify and shall be open to such veterans on an as-needed, unscheduled basis;

(2) space at such center will be made available, as mutually agreeable, for use by staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Labor, and other appropriate agencies and organizations in assisting homeless veterans served by such center;

(3) such center shall be equipped and staffed to provide, or to assist in providing, health care, mental health services, hygiene facilities, benefits and employment counseling, meals, transportation assistance, and such other services as the Secretary determines necessary; and

(4) such center may be equipped and staffed to provide, or to assist in providing, job training and job placement services (including job readiness, job counseling, and literacy and skills training), as well as any outreach and case management services that may be necessary to carry out this paragraph.

#### **SEC. 4. PER DIEM PAYMENTS.**

(a) **PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR FURNISHING SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations provided for under section 12, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to such criteria as the Secretary shall prescribe, shall provide to a recipient of a grant under section 3 (or an entity eligible to receive a grant under section 3 which after the date of enactment of this Act establishes a program which the Secretary determines carries out the purposes described in section 3) per diem payments at such rates as the Secretary shall prescribe by regulation for services furnished to any homeless veteran—

(1) whom the Secretary has referred to the grant recipient (or entity eligible for such a grant); or

(2) for whom the Secretary has authorized the provision of services.

In a case in which the Secretary has authorized the provision of services, per diem payments may be paid retroactively for services provided not more than 3 days before the authorization was provided.

(b) **LIMITATION.**—The amount of per diem payments made with respect to a veteran under this section may not exceed one-half of the cost to the grant recipient (or other eligible entity) of providing such service.

(c) **IN-KIND ASSISTANCE.**—In lieu of per diem payments under this section, the Secretary may, with the approval of the grant recipient, provide in-kind assistance (through the services of Department employ-

ees and the use of other Department resources) to a grant recipient (or entity eligible for such a grant) under section 3.

(d) **INSPECTIONS.**—The Secretary may inspect any facility of an entity eligible for payments under subsection (a) at such times as the Secretary considers necessary. No per diem payment may be made to an entity under this section unless the facilities of that entity meet such standards as the Secretary shall prescribe.

#### **SEC. 5. OUTREACH SERVICES.**

Section 7722 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(e) In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall assign such employees of the Veterans Benefits Administration as the Secretary considers appropriate to conduct outreach programs and provide outreach services for homeless veterans. Such outreach services may include site visits through which homeless veterans can be identified and provided assistance in obtaining benefits and services that may be available to them.”.

#### **SEC. 6. EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.**

Section 801 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-628; 102 Stat. 3257) is amended in subsection (c), by striking out “to homeless” and inserting in lieu thereof “with a primary emphasis on those homeless”.

#### **SEC. 7. AUTHORITY TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR EXTENDED LEASE TERMS.**

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding section 8122(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, and subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may lease to a representative of the homeless for a term in excess of three years any real property at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center for which an application of the representative for the use of the property has been approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 501(e) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(e)). Any such lease shall be subject to the provisions of section 501(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(f)).

(b) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary may not lease real property under subsection (a) for a term in excess of three years to a representative of the homeless unless the representative agrees to use the property only as a location for the provision of services to homeless veterans and the families of such veterans.

(c) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “representative of the homeless” has the meaning given such term in section 501(h)(4) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(h)(4)).

#### **SEC. 8. AUTHORITY TO MAKE PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR HOMELESS PURPOSES.**

(a) **LEASE OR DONATION.**—Section 3735(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by inserting “, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or donate” after “sell”; and

(B) by inserting “or lease or donation” after “sale”;

(2) in paragraph (3)(B), by inserting “, leased, or donated” after “sold”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraphs:

“(4) The term of any lease under this subsection may not exceed three years.

“(5) An approved entity that leases a property from the Secretary under this section shall be responsible for the payment of any taxes, utilities, liability insurance, and other

maintenance charges or similar charges that apply to the property.”.

(b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 3735(b) of such title is amended by striking out “September 30, 1993” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1995”.

#### SEC. 9. FINANCING OF PROPERTIES TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS.

(a) FINANCING.—Section 3735 of title 38, United States Code (as amended by section 8), is further amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection (b):

“(b)(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary may make loans to organizations described in paragraph (1)(A) of subsection (a) to finance the purchase of property by such organizations under such subsection.

“(2) In making a loan under this subsection, the Secretary—

“(A) shall establish credit standards to be used for this purpose;

“(B) may, pursuant to section 3733(a)(6) of this title, provide that the loan will bear interest at a rate below the rate that prevails for similar loans in the market in which the loan is made; and

“(C) may waive the collection of a fee under section 3729 of this title in any case in which the Secretary determines that such a waiver would be appropriate.”.

#### SEC. 10. ANNUAL REPORTS.

Not later than May 1 of each of 1994, 1995, and 1996, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the implementation of this Act. Each such report shall, to the extent feasible, include information on (1) the number of veterans assisted, (2) the services provided, and (3) the Secretary's analysis of the operational and clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the programs established under, or with assistance provided by, this Act.

#### SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS' RE-INTEGRATION PROJECTS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 738 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11448) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section the following amounts:

“(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1993.

“(B) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1994.

“(C) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 1995.

“(2) Funds obligated for any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 739 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11449) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(3)—

(i) by striking out “\$17,000,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$14,800,000”; and

(ii) by striking out “1993,” and all that follows through “this subtitle” and inserting in lieu thereof “1993”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking out “other than section 738 of this subtitle and for the program under section 738 of this subtitle”.

(2) Section 741 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11451) is amended by inserting “738 and” before “740”.

#### SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act (other than section 8) \$48,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995. No funds may be used to carry

out the provisions of sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act unless expressly provided for in an appropriation law. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish funds for, continuation of, or expansion of existing programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to serve veterans.

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, said Senate amendment to the title of the bill was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby said Senate amendment to the text was agreed to with an amendment and the amendment to the title was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment.

#### ¶119.24 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5677) “An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes,” and that the Senate agreed to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate numbered 4, 12, 18, 24, 45, 52, 55, 60, 62, 65, 68, 69, 70, 73, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 87, 88, 95, 103, 112, 125, 135, 137, 138, 154, 163, 170, 171, 184, 191, 213, 214, 217, 236, 237, 238, and 239, to the above-entitled bill.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 523. An Act to authorize the establishment of the National African American Museum within the Smithsonian Institution.

#### ¶119.25 PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT

On motion of Mr. FAZIO, by unanimous consent, the managers on the part of the House were granted permission until midnight tonight to file a conference report (Rept. No. 102-1007) on the bill (H.R. 5427) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1993, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

#### ¶119.26 LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL RESERVE

On motion of Mr. VENTO, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3665) to establish the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama; together with the following amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Little River Canyon National Preserve Act of 1992”.

#### SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to protect and preserve the natural, scenic, recreational,

and cultural resources of the Little River Canyon area in DeKalb and Cherokee Counties, Alabama, and to provide for the protection and public enjoyment of the resources, there is established the Little River Canyon National Preserve (referred to in this Act as the “Preserve”).

(b) AREA INCLUDED.—The Preserve shall consist of the lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters generally depicted on the boundary map entitled “Little River Canyon National Preserve”, numbered NA-LRNP-80,001C, and dated March 1992.

(c) MAP.—The map referred to in subsection (b) shall—

(1) be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior in Washington, District of Columbia; and

(2) be filed with the appropriate offices of DeKalb and Cherokee Counties in the State of Alabama.

(d) PUBLICATION OF DESCRIPTION.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed description of the boundaries of the Preserve.

#### SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and in accordance with the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

(1) the Act entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, approved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

(2) the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes”, approved August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

(b) HUNTING AND FISHING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary shall permit hunting, trapping, and fishing on lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the Secretary within the Preserve in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

(2) TIME AND PLACE RESTRICTIONS.—Subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers necessary in furtherance of this Act, and after consultation with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama and owners of lands adjacent to the Preserve, the Secretary may designate zones where, and establish periods when, the activities described in paragraph (1) will not be permitted within the Preserve for reasons of public safety, administration, fish and wildlife habitat, or public use and enjoyment.

(3) RESTRICTIONS IN BOUNDARY AREAS.—After consultation with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama and with the owners of lands adjacent to the Preserve, the Secretary may restrict hunting in areas within the Preserve that are adjacent to the boundaries of the Preserve where the restriction is necessary or appropriate to protect public safety.

(4) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—Nothing in this Act is intended to affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Alabama with respect to fish and wildlife.

(c) WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS.—Subsection (a) of section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1278(a)) shall apply to that portion of the Little River that flows through the Preserve in the same manner and to the same extent as such subsection applies to the rivers referred to in such subsection. The application of such subsection to the Preserve shall not affect any deter-